



## School of Historical and European Studies



### History

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When I finished high school I planned to study a double degree Bachelor of Arts/Law. La Trobe offered the most interesting and diverse range of humanities and social science subjects, as well as a clear pathway from arts to a law degree. However, once I began studying history I was so inspired by the History Program's brilliant lecturers, for instance: Marilyn Lake, Katie Holmes, Richard Broome; Diane Kirkby and John Cashmere, I felt that I had found my passion. I dropped law to continue with postgraduate work in this field. I chose to complete my PhD at La Trobe, rather than at a different university, because the history department has a wonderfully supportive postgraduate program and a very experienced and internationally recognised core of academics.

During my time at La Trobe I also tutored in first year Gender Studies and Legal Studies, convened the 'Bernard Bailyn North American History Lecture' for three years, organised the History Program's postgraduate discussion group 'Footnotes', assisted with the administration of the symposium held in honour of Professor Rhys Isaac, and worked as a research assistant to Professors Alan Frost and Marilyn Lake. In addition, I published parts of my PhD research in academic journals, as well as in the *Age*, and in 2005 I was recognised as a 'New Talent' by the *Journal of Australian Studies*.

Upon completion of my PhD thesis, entitled *'Having it all?: Remembering Feminism 1980-2005'*, I received an award from the History Program at La Trobe University as financial assistance to turn my thesis into a book manuscript. I continue to write and publish in my field and hope to publish my PhD as a book in the next few years.

Since graduating, I have worked as a research assistant to Professor Jenny Hocking in the National Centre for Australian Studies at Monash University, on a biography of the Hon E.G. Whitlam AC QC, to be published by Melbourne University Press. I have maintained my connection with La Trobe by becoming an Honorary Research Associate in the History Program, and I will always remember my time there fondly.

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